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My dear Taylor,

I am very glad you are getting Race to give us something about Rhesus at the next Genetical. I suppose the date will be fixed at our next Committee, when I hope to see you, on 12th. February.

I believe you go off the Committee this year, or do you have another year on it? In any case I think we should conger on the maintenance in the Society of a continuous representation of Human or Medical Genetics. Two names in my mind are those of Cockayne and Riddell. I should like to see both closely associated with the Society, and if you are going off the Committee it will be positively essential to get at least one of them on our list for the coming year.

Thanks for the list of the first eighty Blood Groupings of babies, with 32 Secreter tests. I saw the people at the Radcliff Hospital last week-end, and hope you will soon be getting blood samples from mothers too; though these will be some months in advance of the corresponding babies. I will try to get them registered with the date at which birth is expected so that identification may later be easy. The important thing in this new material, which will I think much interest the Hospital, will

be the recognition of the minority of Rhesus-negatives mothers before any other complication can possibly appear. In view of its clinical importance do you not think that in such cases the serum might usefully be titrated with Rhesus two or three times in the course of pregnancy, so as to show ( these being very largely first births) some 40% with no change in titre, and 60% with perhaps the first signs of antibody formation ?

I believe there are several ante-natal examinations in the normal routine, so that this could be done if its importance were sufficiently impressed upon the authorities at the Hospital. Really you ought to see them or send Race as propoganda agent, so that they should know something of the real importance that their material, if made completely available, may be in such researches as yours.

I am returning your correspondence with Weybridge. Obviously they slipped somewhere: if they do so again I think you ought to ring up Dalling personally. He tells me in reply to my expostulation that he hopes in the near future to be able to find a considerable number of samples. This of course does not explain about what has gone astray, but perhaps that has now turned up putrid at Cambridge. You may be quite confident that Dalling will be most positively helpful.

Yours sincerely,